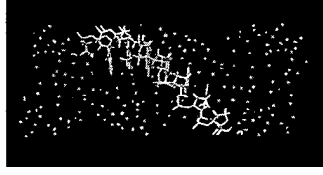


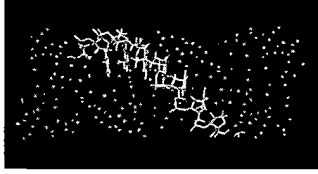
VIRAL RNA TARGET ENRICHMENT STRATEGY

By way of:



Triplex Formation

Figure 1



Triplex Formation

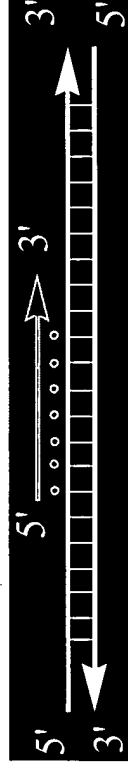
- **TARGET: POLYPYRIMIDINE STRAND**
- **PARALLEL-STRANDED HAIRPINS (HAIRPIN PROBES)**
- **CONTAINING 8-AMINOPURINES**



HIGHLY STABLE TRIPLEX STRUCTURES

Figure 2

TRIPLE HELICES FORMED by PARALLEL-STRANDED HAIRPINS



TARGET: POLYPYRIMIDINE STRAND

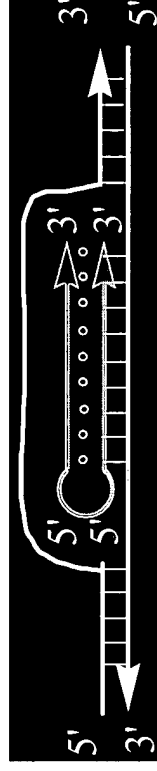
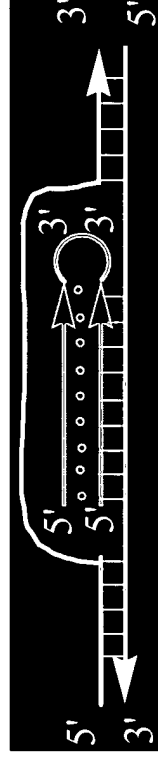
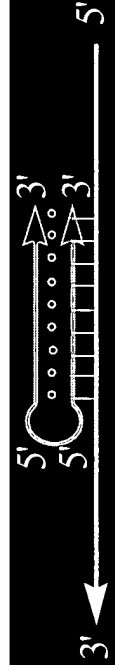
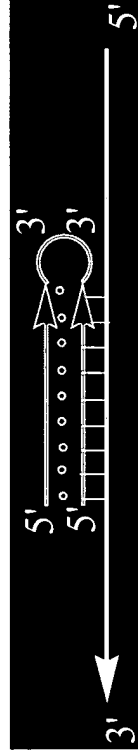


Figure 3

SYNTHESIS OF PARALLEL HAIRPINS

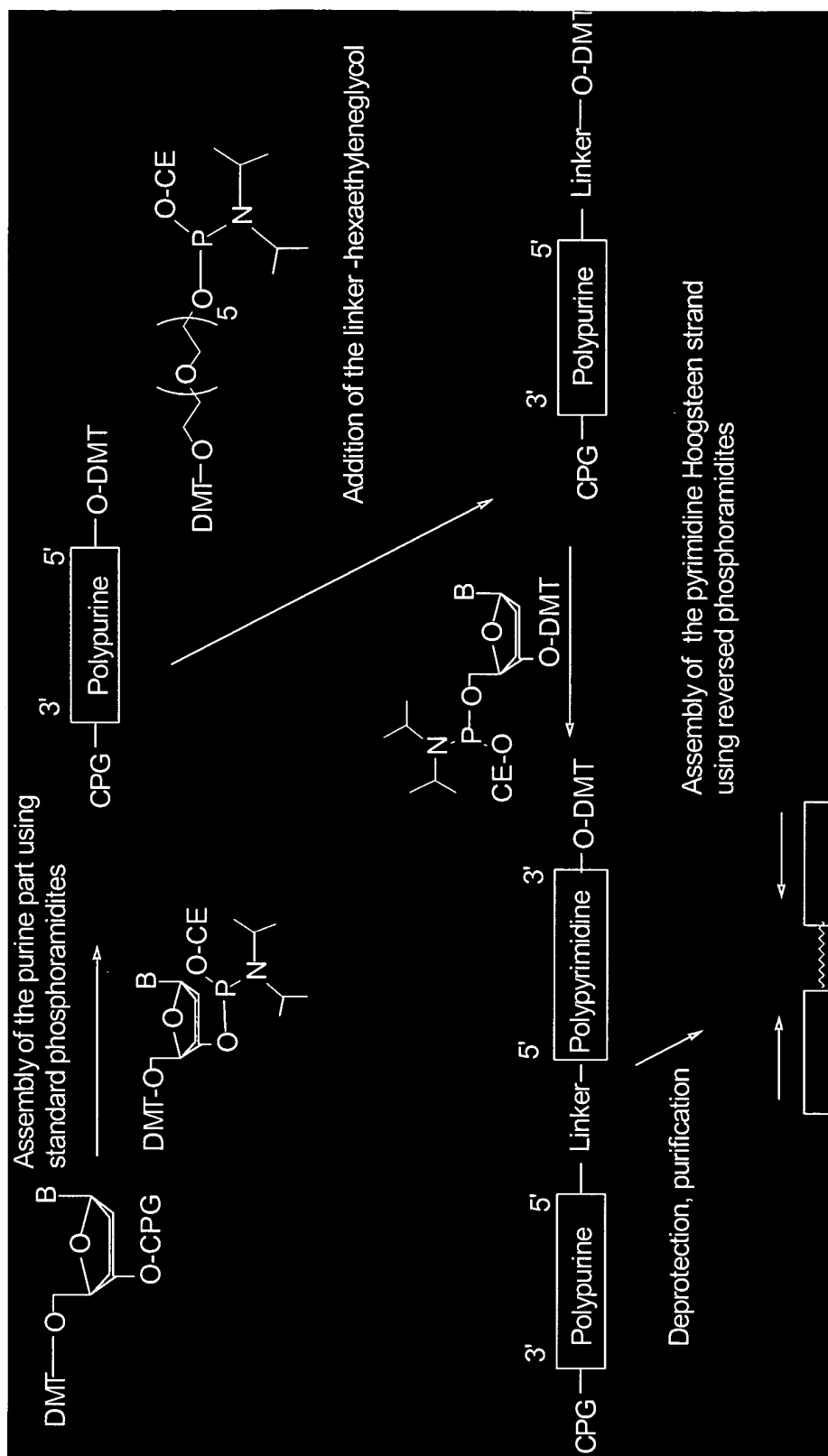


Figure 4

Synthesis of parallel-hairpins using asymmetric branching units

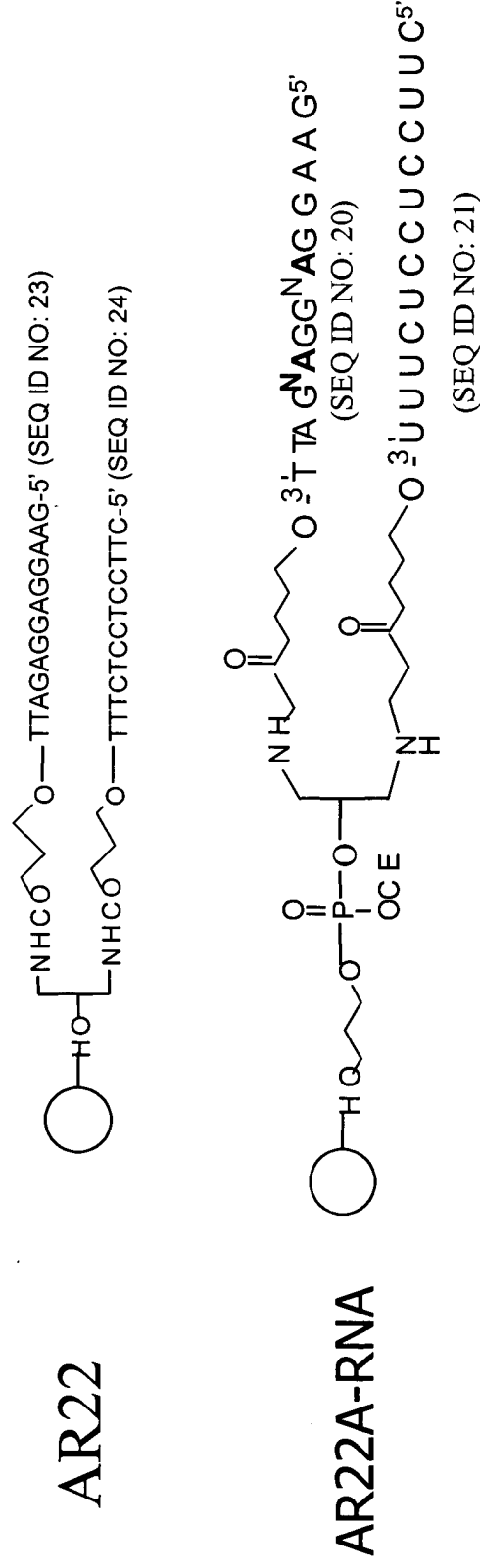


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WNV INFECTED SAMPLES

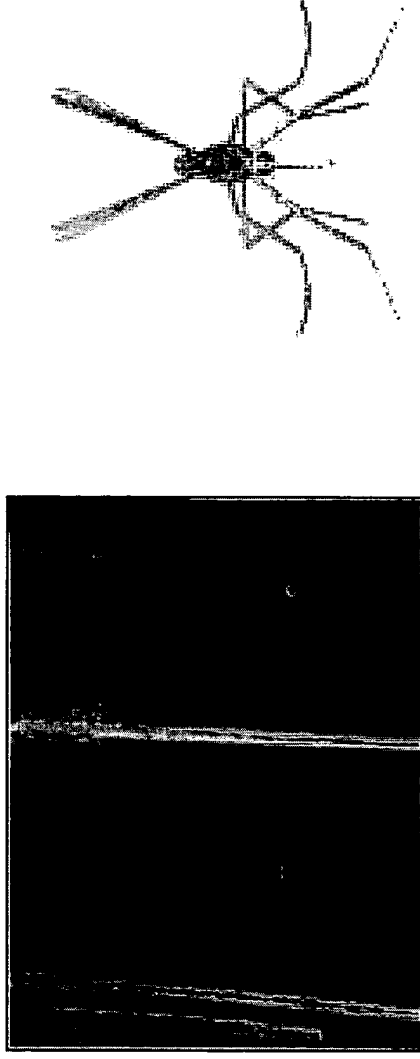
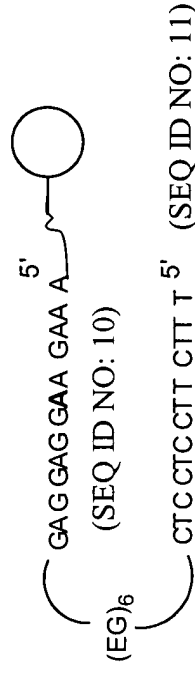
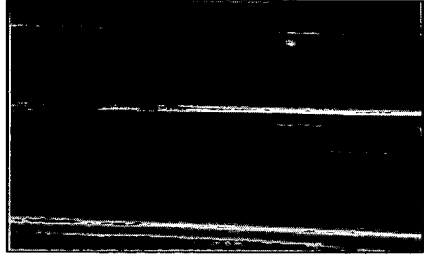


Figure 6

Strategy



WNV Hairpin Probe

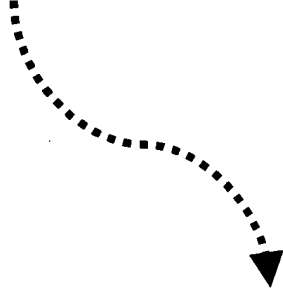


**West Nile Virus
Infected Blood**

RNA Extraction



RNA CAPTURE



RNA Detection

Figure 7

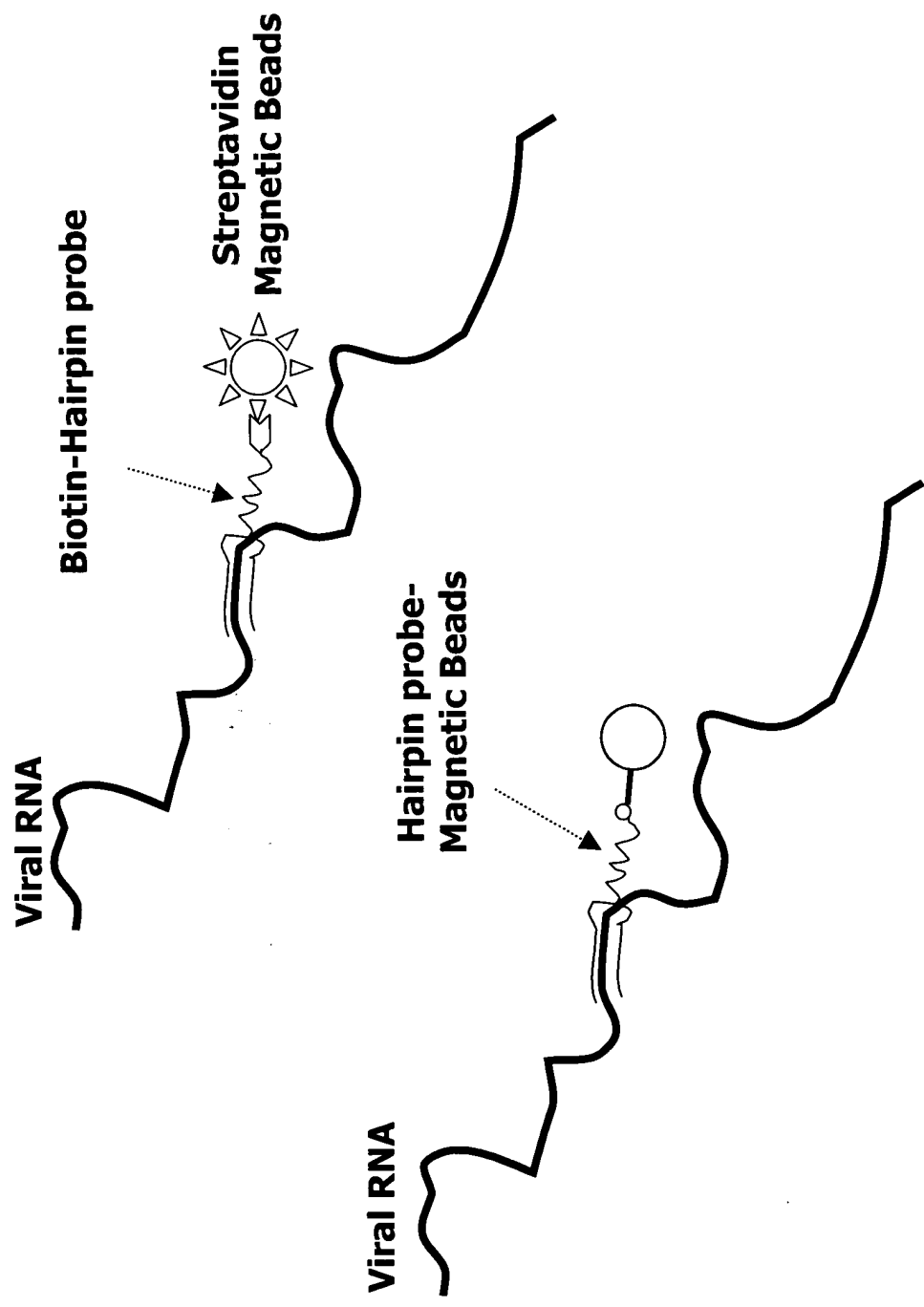


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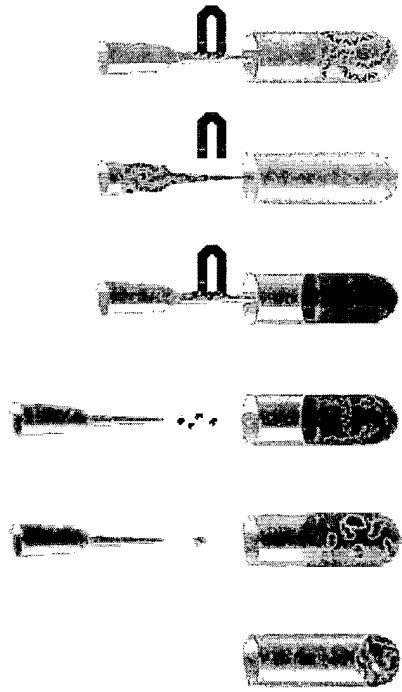
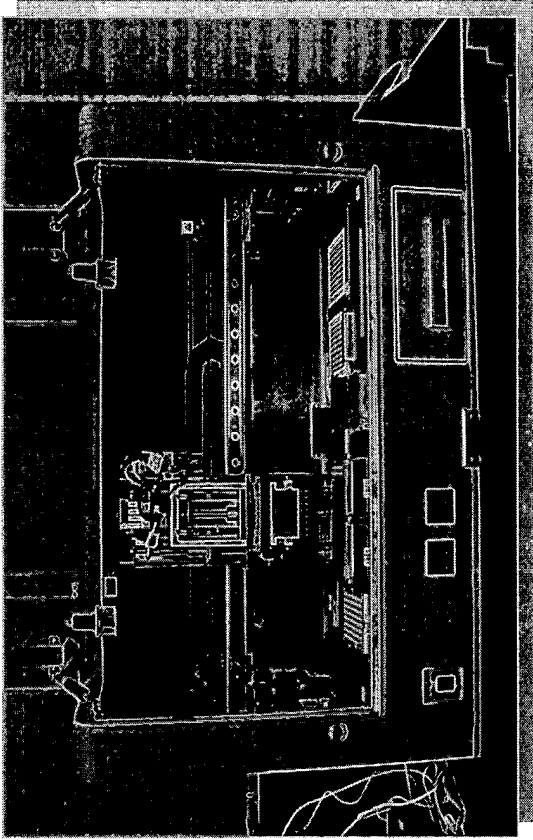


Figure 9

PYRIMIDINE MOTIF TRIPLEXES

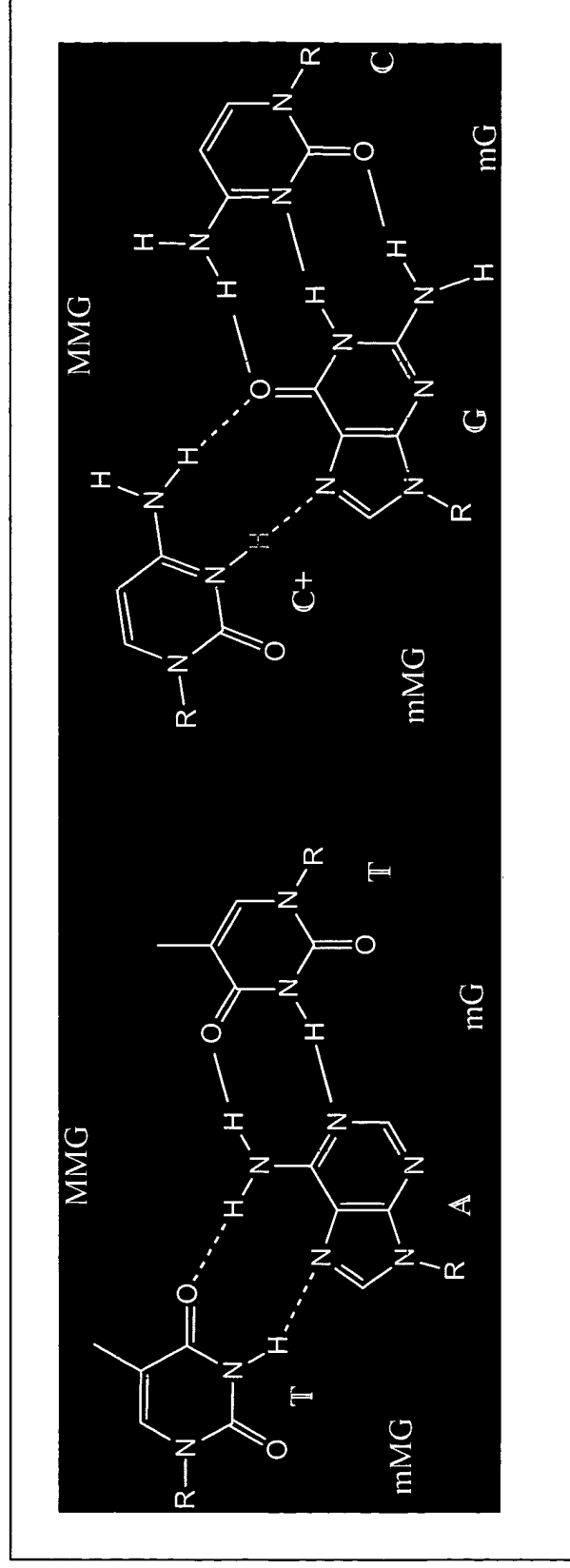
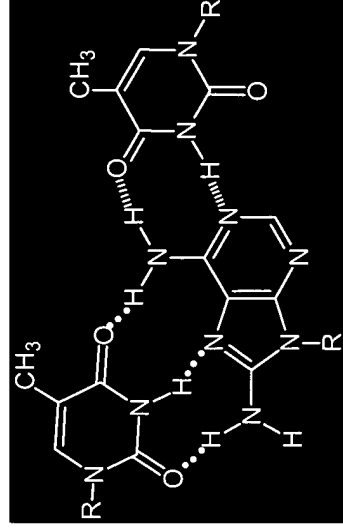
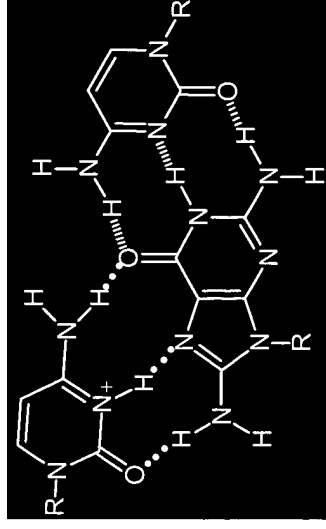


Figure 10

8-aminopurine derivatives

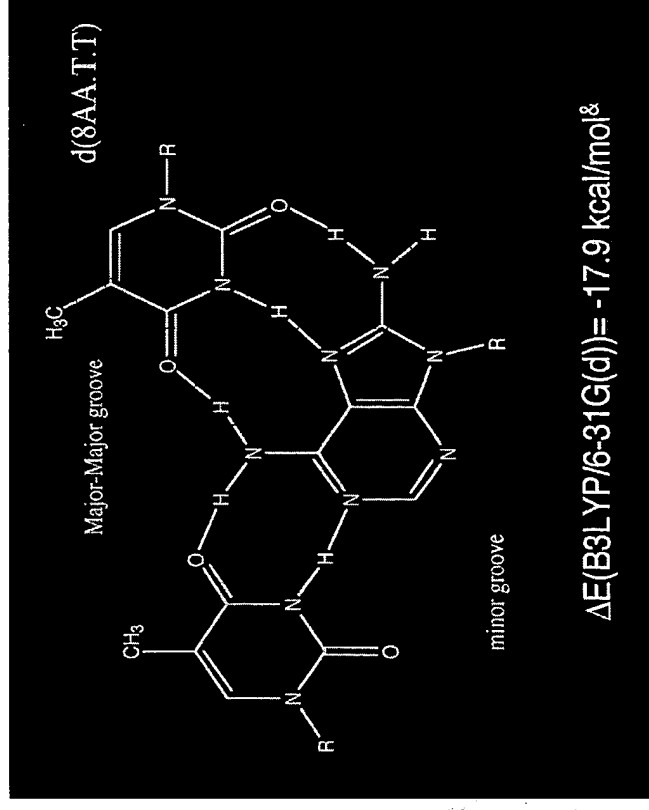
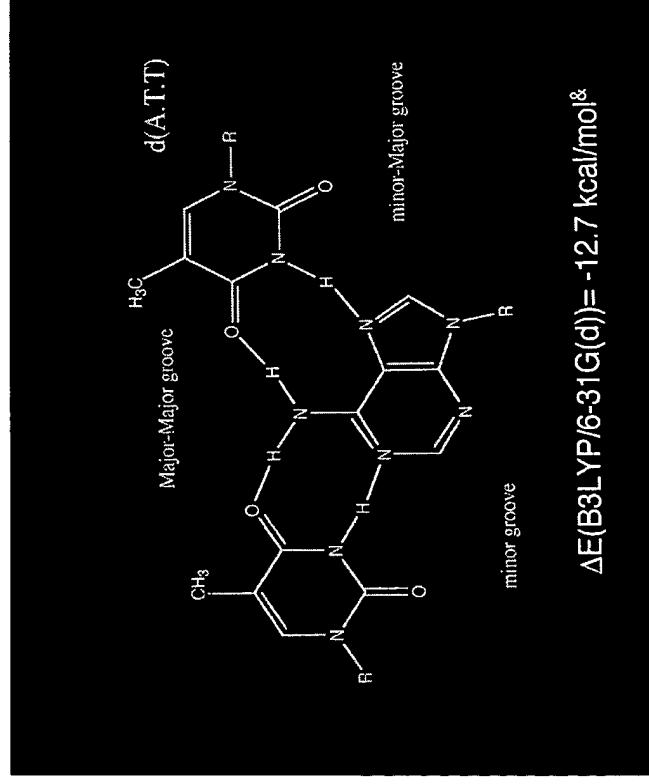


T·8-aminoA:T



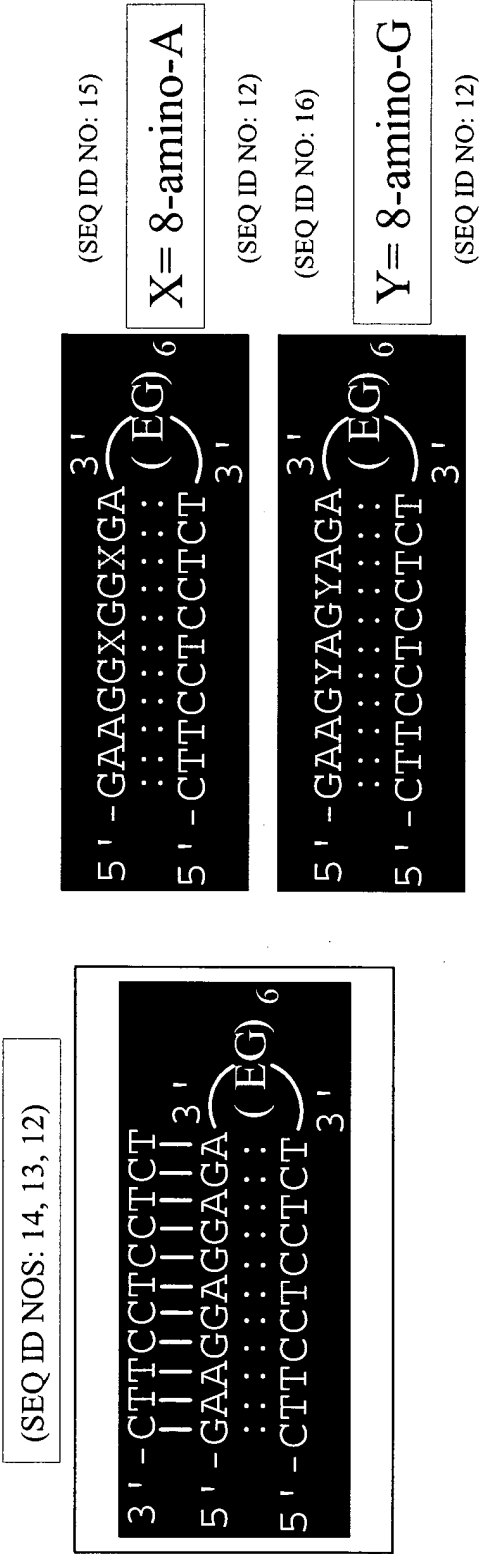
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Figure 11



The 8-NH₂ group stabilize 5 kcal/mol the Hoogsteen pair

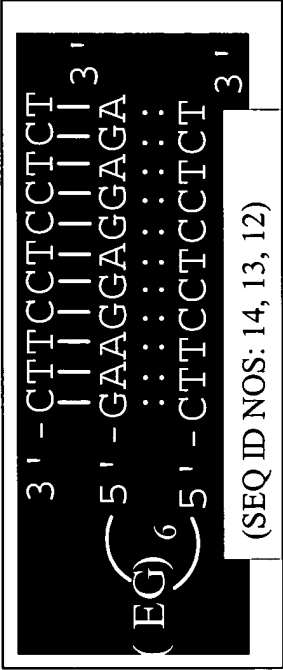
Figure 12



Melting temperature (°C) of triplexes [3'-3' hairpins]

Hairpin	pH 5.5	pH 6.0	pH 6.5	pH 7.0
Unmod.	56	47	36	32
8-aA	62	56	48	46
8-aG	67	59	53	51

Figure 13



Melting temperatures (°C) of triplexes [5'-5' hairpins]

Hairpin	pH 5.5	pH 6.0	pH 6.5	pH 7.0
Unmod.	54	45	33	20
8-aA	57	51	43	34
8-aG	69	59	50	40

Figure 14

Presence of one guanine at the polypyrimidine track

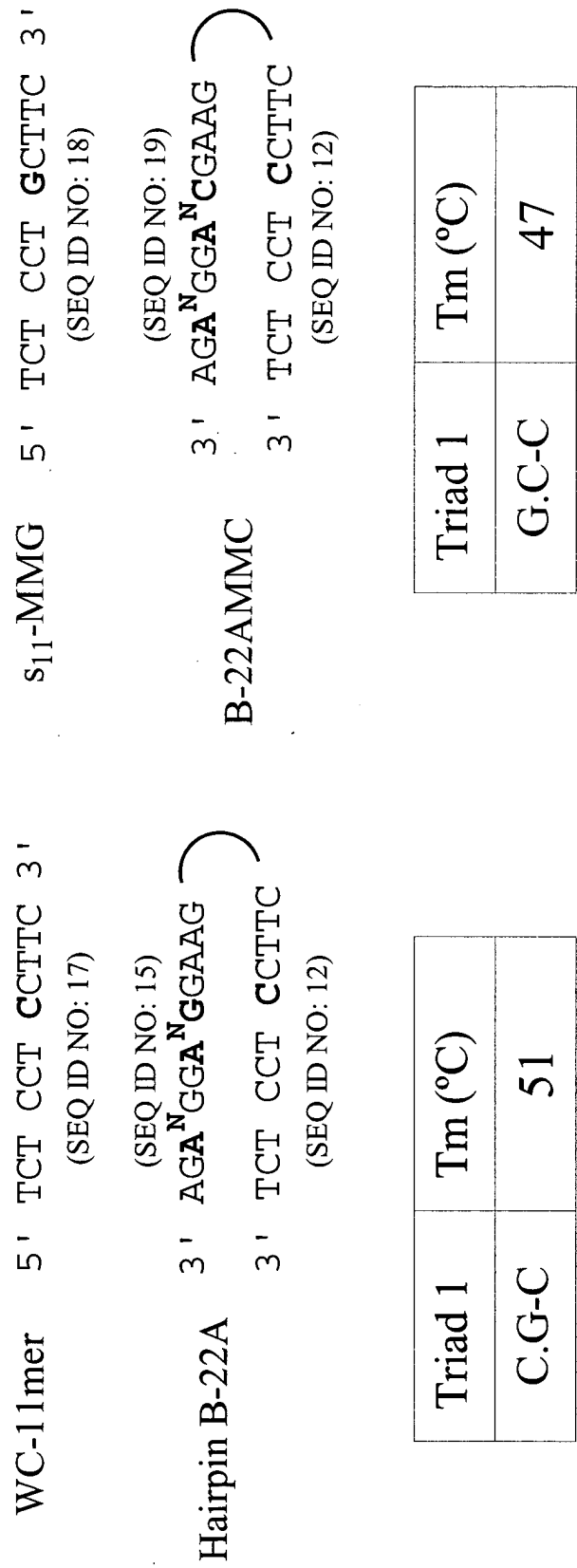
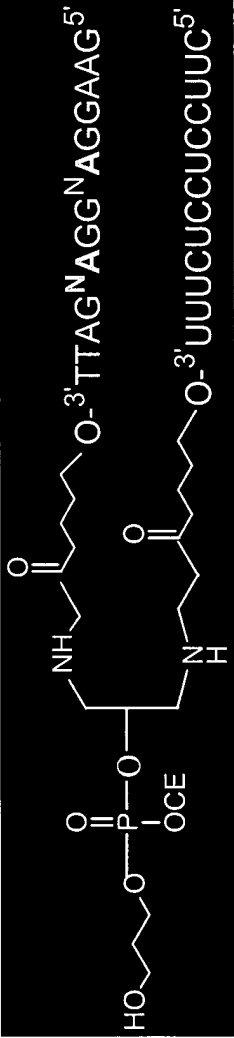


Figure 15

Melting temperatures (°C) of triplexes containing 2'-O-methyl-RNA



(SEQ ID NO: 20)

AR22A-RNA

(SEQ ID NO: 21)

5'UCUCCUCCUUC^{3'}

(SEQ ID NO: 22)

11-Me-RNA

Hairpin	Target 11-Me-RNA
AR22A-RNA	71

Figure 16

CD and NMR confirm that parallel duplexes are Hoogsteen

(SEQ ID NO: 15, 12)

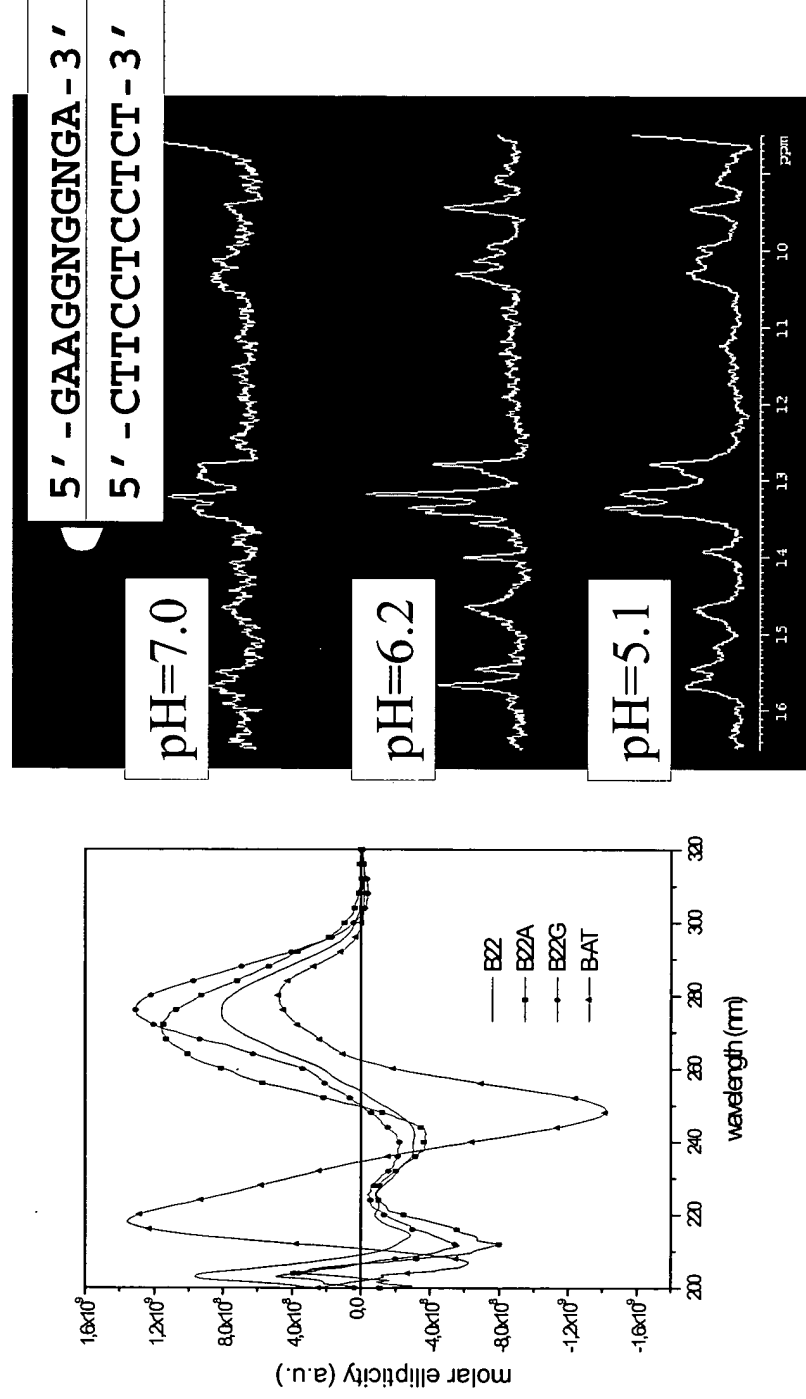


Figure 17

Gel-shift and NMR experiments confirm triplex formation

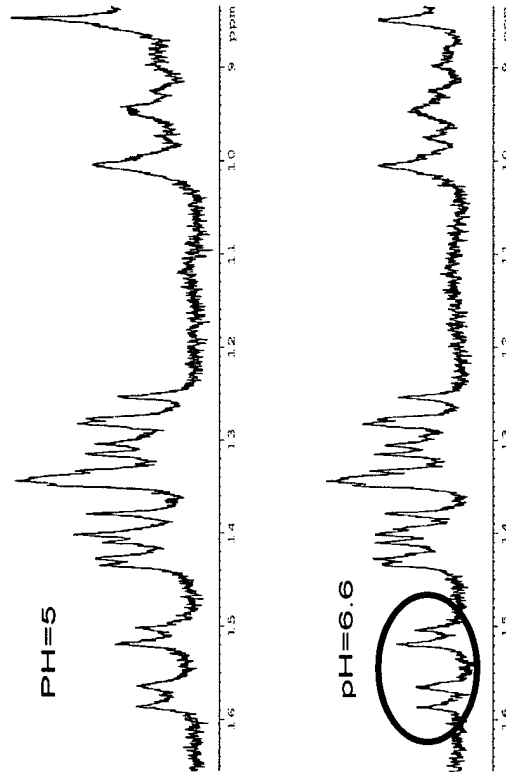
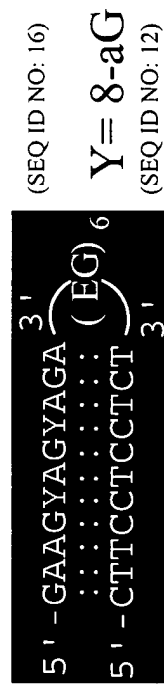
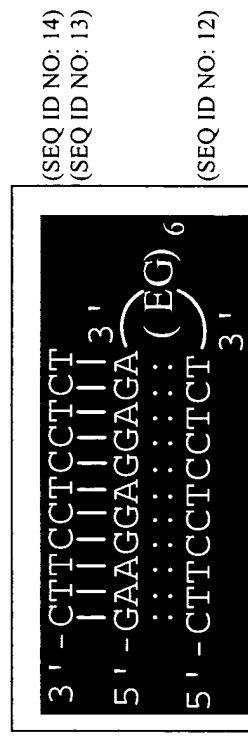
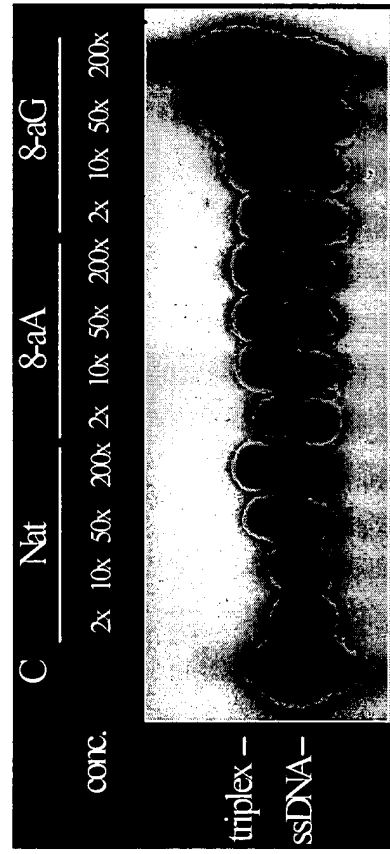


Figure 18



LOCUS	AF404756	11029 bp ss-RNA	linear	VRL 23-JUL-2002
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DEFINITION West Nile virus isolate WN NY 2000-crow3356, complete genome.

ACCESSION AF404756

VERSION AF404756.1 GI:21929238

SOURCE West Nile virus.

Base Position	Sequence Target for Hairpin Design
2043	CCCTTTTGTTTCA
2443	CTCTTCCTCTCCGT
3857	CTGTTTTCTTTCA
6670	TTCTTCCTCCTCATGC
6740	CCTTTTTCTGTT
6793*	CTGCTCTCCCCTTCTCTT
7170	CTTCCCCCTTCGTC
7262	CACTCCTTTTTTGCC
9727	CTCCACTTCCTCAAT

Figure 19

Effect of the Hoogsteen strand

Hairpin	Target	pH 5.5, 1 M NaCl	
		T _m (°C)	Hyperchromicity
B-22Acont (SEQ ID NOS: 15, 25)	WC-11mer (SEQ ID NO: 14)	41	+ 12 % (duplex to ss)
B-22Acont (SEQ ID NOS: 15, 25)	none	No transition	
B-22A (SEQ ID NOS: 15, 12)	WC-11mer (SEQ ID NO: 14)	57	+ 22 % (triplex to ss)
B-22A (SEQ ID NOS: 15, 12)	none	47	+ 12 % (duplex to ss)

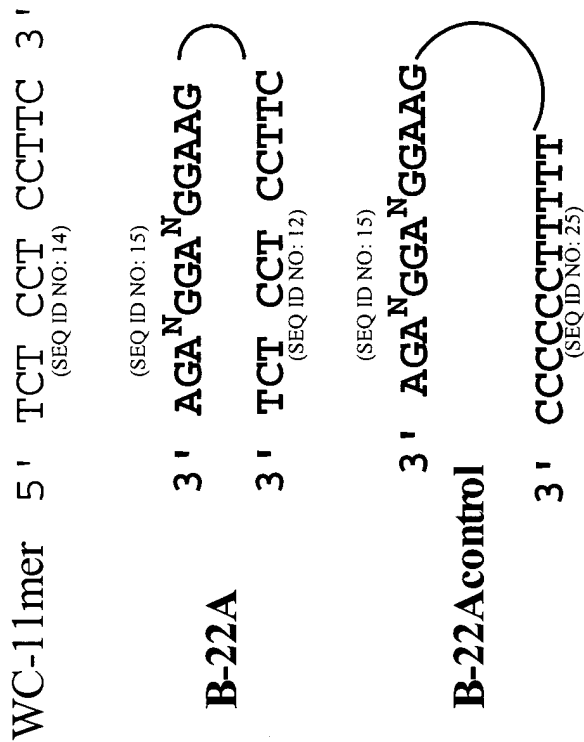


Figure 20